David Belin; Roger Craig's Diary; Mary Ferrell, Penn jones et al; Bill Boxley;
Early JFK, Tippit Killings accounts.

Just as I was going to bed last night I received a phone call from Mrs. Rita Musgrove, 320 Walnut, New London, Iowa, 53645. 319/367-5952; off 319-3195.

The immediate purpose of her call was an invitation from Penn Jones to go to Dallas on the 17th for a showing by Groden of the films he usually shows plus Rush to Judgement. Because Rita was finished with the whole Dallas gang except Craig and had told them so pointedly, especially Penn, she was surprised and is not going. Penn persisted, which worried her more because of violence and violent talk from him in the past. On one occasion when she was staying with the Craigs (divorced two years ago), when Roger provided bodyguards all the way to the airport (She had been beaten up at the airport once, losing teeth, etc. she says.)

She quotes Penn as saying Roger suicide four months ago (all this from memory-taped when I saw what she was going into).

Roger kept a diary. She has it, Penn wants it, and Roger wanted him not to have it and regarded it as cause for his own killing. She read parts to me, the reason being the way I come accross in my writing. She is on our mailing list.

I told her how to check out with Paul Rothermel whether or not Roger is dead. She has duplicated the diary out of her possession.

Her details of this whole odd bunch are consistent with what I know except for the violence and for Penn's insistences.

This can't be complete, from memory, and because I have to go to DC.

Boxley is selling tapes of his personal conversations with Garrison. He sold one dealing with Jim Rose to Mary for $16. He appears to have taped all these kinds of conversations. I know he has some because I have a copy of another with Nancy Perrin. (This part of the story also in the diary. Craig details Perrin's criminal record. It was for Penn but appears to be what Boxley told me he had obtained in Colorado.)

Roger also stole police radio tapes-three channels. 18" reels.

Many details about police, sheriff inside, irrelevant Ruby details after hailing, Decker and what Craig says happened to him and how, with names and dates.

Craig appears to have started keeping this diary for his son the day before JFK was due to arrive simply because it was so unusual to see a President.

Her reading of some of the early passages is entirely consistent with his testimony: except for what was omitted and what he did not add when he "corrected" it as printed at Maggie Field's.

What struck me as most important were new details of the finding of the shells and rifle and the time these at the TSBD learned about the Tippit killing. Roger looked at his watch. it was 1:06. This is entirely consistent with the Bowley affidavit, ignored by the Commission/Belin in person and particular.

Different Buddy Walthers story than I get from Hudkins;inference he was killed by partner rather than man he was sent to pick up. Repeats what logs show, first Tippit shell (he says all) automatics. Rifle shells all lined up as found, suspicious to him at time.

Penn had told me of efforts to kill Roger. I don't recall details. Diary has two different ones, one in which man with whom he had appointment that was catched was killed while standing next to him.

I told her my areas doubts Roger and about when they begin. His diary shows first contact from Garrison via Penn, etc. He wound up hating them all.

Total about 80 pages.

Marguerite Oswald her friend, claims to have 16 more letters from LHO, Minsk.

"Old man" W.C.Thompson dead. Penn bought his library.

Several visits from N.O. attorney Parkerson beginning August 1966, I think to Craig.

Craig's account station wagon he saw has N La. license, not Ruth Paine's.

Arrested woman brown station wagon knoll park lot. Rita has picture of woman running down tracks, not dated. Also Roger puts names back tramp pix. She is to xerox both sides for me.

Mrs. Craig remarried. Knows how to reach his mother. If dead does not know who has his records, tapes, etc.

Rita going to Dallas again soon, to see Marguerite, who wants $40,000 for letters.

Account how Lumrie Lewis took those picked up to sheriff's office. Includes how Rowlands spotted, this station-wagon woman and other deputies named.

Bill Decker told all his men to be on hand, visibly and looking sharp but not to have any part in Presidential protection.

Many Decker stories, all casting suspicion on kind man he was, connections, etc.

Revill (unsuccessful) Republican opponent of his successor, Jones.

Dent threat rifle shell noted immediately and suspected, as was alignment.

Details Craig's account stationwagon picking "Oswald" up, comparisons between 12:45 pictures shown by Sprague and arrests pictures, comparisons with Tippit killer description clothing and what this driver was wearing. Inference same man who drove station wagon that picked LHO up.

Quotes Marion Baker as say it was 12:35 when he saw LHO.

I asked her is references to Sweatt, who handled evidence. She said yes but r ead none.

Observations attributed to Rowlands exactly as they testified.

There may well be other details I can't remember. Tired when she called. Connection poor. She called back without much improvement. Don't know how clear tape is.

The character of these strange Dallas people is consistent with what I know, except that she dislikes them more and has more specifics from an entirely different kind of relationship. She has suspicions about Ruck. Had been told by Penn that both Ferrells Minutemen. Sh e is tougher on Mary than I would be.

She also has her own notes. These include visits from Bexley as late as 1971 or 1972.

Mentioned Brakston several times. Forget context.

After she broke from Penn he phoned her at Craigs and said he was coming over, insisting that she meet him outside. She refused, he said he was coming and hung up. This is when Roger called and got bodyguards, one who stayed outside and one in house, who took her to Love Field next day. This is not time she was beaten up there. While this seems farout there was nothing in the way she spoke or what she said to cast any doubt on her rationality. And despite the doubts I developed about Craig, of which I told her, there were many points of confirmation.

In her account Mary controls them all. She says Kimbrough dying of cancer.

It does seem strange that Penn would insist, politely, on her coming to see Groden films when she repulsed and insulted him. But much abiut Penn seems strange. Craig grew to dislike and distrust him and others.

Craig thought Kimbrough CIA agent. Mary servile to Kimbrough (money reason?)

Slight references to Chapman, Sue Fitch. Some mob references, connection threat vs Craig and how officials delayed serving papers until people able to pay. Inferences or allegations about who knew Ruby and Decker's strong opposition to anyone talking to Eva.

Wichita Falls sheriff refused to accept Ruby because he looked so sick. The doctor who saw Ruby and said he had cold was a shrink. Cold story what Gertz told me. Rest not consistent Gertz' story.

Picture thoroughly authoritarian sheriff and sheriff's dept with Walthers getting away with everything short of murder, including having and bribing with pills, having stoen property, etc and getting away with all. Including drunkenness, offensive behavior.

Buddy said to have been killed (informnce by partner) when he was expected to be called to N.O. It was before Shaw trial. I in Dallas day it happened, got Wade's account. I see no reason to fear his going to N.O. unless Dallasites did not know Garrison. Buddy refused to talk about "45" picture or man in it with him. Or finding "45." Why unclear. At that time I had N.O. radio reporter talk to him by phone and Walthers was responsive. (Re Liebeler memo on questioning Walthers.)

Rita seems of very good intelligence and gave no indication of interest in nut stuff. She appears to have eventually seens through the Dallasites although she began friendly with Mary and lived and worked with her for several days.